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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:

Administrative Action

EUGENIO RUTA, D.C. License No. MC 3741

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the parties wishing to resolve this matter without further formal proceedings, hereby stipulate to the following facts and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Eugenio Ruta, D.C., is a chiropractic physician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

- 2. On April 3, 2006, Respondent appeared, together with counsel, Pasquale F. Giannetta, Esq., before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Criminal Part, Essex County Vicinage, the Honorable Thomas R. Vena, J.S.C. presiding, and pleaded guilty to the charges of third degree Conspiracy to Knowingly Commit Health Care Claims Fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 / N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3a, and Knowingly Committing Health Care Claims Fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3a.
- 3. On September 22, 2006, Respondent was sentenced by the Court to three (3) years probation, and a term of three hundred sixty four days commitment to the Essex County Jail.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The aforesaid conduct provides grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(e) and (f), in that Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct as determined by the Board, and has been convicted of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and which relates adversely to the practice of chiropractic.

Respondent desiring to amicably settle this matter by agreeing to the suspension of his license to practice chiropractic; and agreeing not to seek reinstatement of his license until he successfully completes, and unconditionally passes, an ethics course pre-approved by the Board; and the Board determining that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this Juday of Two , 2007

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended for a period of five (5) years except that the initial two (2) year period shall be an active suspension commencing as of April 3, 2006, and the final three (3) year period of said suspension shall be stayed, and become a period of probation. Such stayed period of suspension shall be activated upon a showing of Respondent's non-compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- 2. During the period of active suspension, Respondent shall fully attend, successfully complete and unconditionally pass the ProBE (Professional Problem Based Ethics) course offered by The Ethics Group, 89 Summit Avenue, Suite 185, Summit, New Jersey 07901, or the PRIME (Professional Renewal in Medicine through Ethics) course offered by the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Professions at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 97 Paterson Street, Room 124, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903, and provide documentation of same to the Board.
- 3. Respondent shall be, and hereby is, reprimanded for his professional misconduct as aforesaid.

4. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board (or a committee thereof) to demonstrate his fitness to do so, and any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for the a charge of unlicensed practice.

5. The Directives of the Board applicable to any Chiropractic Board licensee who is suspended, revoked or whose surrender of licensure has been accepted are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, whether or not they are attached hereto.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Albert Stabile, Jr., D.C.

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Eugepio Ruta, D.C